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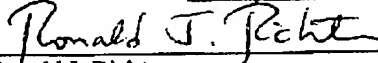
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 10/21/2005, please enter the following amendments and consider the accompanying remarks. No additional fees are believed to be due.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.